

Grade 1:

- Look for word problems in real life. An example might be, if you open a new carton of a dozen eggs, and you use 4 eggs to cook dinner, close the carton and ask your child how many eggs are left.
- Play “I’m Thinking of a Number” For example, “I’m thinking of a number that makes 10 when added to 7. What is my number?”
- Play a version of “Rock, Paper, Scissors” called “I Love Math”. Players chant “I Love Math” and put out a number of fingers. The challenge is to see who can add the fingers and say the sum first! This can be played for subtraction by subtracting the smaller group of fingers from the larger group.
- Make Tangram puzzles.
- Build things with recycled boxes, cans and containers.
- Provide experiences for your child to create and share equal amounts with 2 or 4 people, such as a pie, a pan of brownies or a box of crayons..
- Give your child a handful of small objects (Cheerios, paper clips, macaroni, etc.) Have your child group the objects into piles of ten until there are some left over ones. Count the objects by tens and ones to tell how many, then write the number and compare the digits to the piles of ten and left over ones.
- Have your child make groups of tens and ones for 2, 2-digit numbers and show how to add the numbers by combining the groups of tens and ones and trading 10 ones for an additional ten, if needed.